

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A textile treatment agent ~~for the treatment of a textile to be contacted therewith, especially during a laundering process,~~ having at least a first textile-treating fraction and at least one other fraction, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction is designed to form an inorganic structure on the textile surface, ~~especially the surfaces of the textile fibers.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction is present in an amount which is sufficient for building a layer having a thickness of about 10 nm to about 1 μm .
3. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 2, characterized in that said textile-treating fraction contains ~~and/or forms~~ nanoparticles.
4. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 3, characterized in that said textile-treating fraction contains nanoparticles having a size of from about 5 to about 100 nm.
5. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 4, characterized in that said nanoparticles are surface-modified.

6. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 5, characterized in that ~~from 0.1 to 50%, based on the nanoparticle mass, especially from 1 to 20%, of the~~ surface modification agent is present in an amount of between about 0.1% to 50% based on the nanoparticle mass provided for said surface modification.
7. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims 3, characterized in that said nanoparticles ~~at least, preferably also,~~ have an inorganic surface modification.
8. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 7, characterized in that nanoparticles having surfaces modified by Lewis acids are provided.
9. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that oxides, hydroxides, ~~and/or~~ salts, and combinations thereof ~~especially positively charged ones,~~ are used for surface modification of the nanoparticles in the first fraction.
10. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 9, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction includes AlCl_3 , ZrOCl_2 and/or Ti compounds for surface modification of the nanoparticles are provided in said first textile-treating fraction selected from the group consisting essentially of AlCl_3 , ZrOCl_2 , Ti and combinations thereof.
11. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction

comprises nanoparticles ~~which at least, preferably also, have~~ having an organic surface modification.

12. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 11, characterized in that substances selected from the group of betains and/or silanes, ~~especially organofunctional silanes,~~ are provided for organic surface modification.
13. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that cationic nanoparticles are provided in said first fraction.
14. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least one component which forms nanostructures under application conditions, ~~especially upon dilution with water and/or upon heating at temperatures of below the boiling point of water, or a mixture of such components~~ is contained in said first textile-treating fraction.
15. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 14, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction includes hydrolyzing salts, ~~especially AlCl_3 , TiOSO_4 , ZrOCl_2 and/or silanes,~~ are contained as said components forming nanostructures.
16. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that a softener, ~~especially based on siloxane, especially with and/or based on aminosiloxanes,~~ is provided as a second fraction.

17. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that additional components are selected from the group consisting of detergents and/or curing agents and/or perfumes are provided as a second or further component.
18. (Currently Amended) The textile treatment agent according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 for the treatment of a wool, cotton, silk, synthetic fiber and/or mixed fabric textile.
19. (Currently Amended) A soft rinser according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said first textile-treating fraction is provided in an amount of from 0.1 to 10%, ~~especially from 0.5 to 20%.~~
20. (Currently Amended) A method for treating textiles, ~~wherein said textile is washed and soft-rinsed~~, characterized in that an inorganic structure with nanosubstances is applied during ~~said~~ washing and soft-rinsing, followed by ~~fixing, at the latest during drying, especially in air, in a laundry dryer~~ said inorganic structure with nanosubstances by drying and/or by ironing.